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1. SOCIAL CONTACTS INITIATED BY PRC CONSUL GENERAL MIAO CHIU-JUI HAVE PROGRESSED REMARKABLY SINCE SITUATION REPORTED REF B, CULMINATING IN INVITATION TO SMALL FAREWELL DINNER AT CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE AND HIS PRESENTATION OF CEROMONIAL TRAY TO ME UPON OCCASION MY DEPARTURE FROM POST. CIRCUMSTANCES DETERMINED TO SOME EXTENT BY MIAO'S POSITION AS DEAN OF CONSULAR CORPS HERE AND HIS INTEREST IN MY PLANS TO VISIT PRC THIS MONTH ON WAY TO US, BUT CHAIN OF EVENTS STRONGLY SUGGESTS CONTINUING LIBERALIZATION OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM PEKING ON CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS.

2. ON 5 AUGUST IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL, WHO IS "DEPUTY DEAN" INFORMED ME THAT CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL WHO HAD JUST HEARD OF MY IMPENDING DEPARTURE FROM POST, HAD ASKED HIM (IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL) TO HOST THE TRADITIONAL FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ME AS CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL'S INSTRUCTIONS PREVENTED HIM FROM DOING THIS. CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP THE COLLECTION FOR THE TRADITIONAL SILVER TRAY BUT
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WOULD HAVE TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER HE COULD PERSONALLY MAKE THE PRESENTATION, OR WOULD HAVE TO

ASK IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL TO DO SO.

3. ON 22 AUGUST I RECEIVED INVITATION FROM CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL TO DINNER AT HIS RESIDENCE IN OUR HONOR AND IN HONOR OF JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL WHO ALSO DEPARTING IN NEAR FUTURE. A FEW DAYS LATER AT A RECEPTION, CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL INFORMED ME THAT HIS DINNER WAS SMALL GATHERING INCLUDING ONLY JAPANESE COUPLE AND IRANINA CONSUL GENERAL SO THAT WE COULD HAVE "GOOD HOT CHINESE FOOD" AND "PLENTY OF GOOD CONVERSATION". SHORTLY THEREAFTER I LEARNED FROM IRANIUN CONSUL GENERAL THAT CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL HAD RECEIVED PERMISSION TO PRESENT TRAY HIMSELF AT FAREWELL RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR 6 SEPTEMBER.

4. AT BOTH CHINESE CONSUL GENEAL'S SMALL DINNER SEPTEMBER 2 AND IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL'S FAREWELL DINNER SEPTEMBER 6 CHINESE CONSUL GENERAL WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EXPRESS WARMTH, CORDIALITY, PRAISE FOR GROWING SINO-AMERICAN TIES, ETC. DINNER HAD LAVISH SEVEN-COURSE CHINESE MENU WITH LARGE AMOUNTS OF SUCH DELICACIES AS SHARK FINS AND SEA CUCUMBERS. CONVERSATIONAL INITIATIVES BY MIAO (WHO, EXCEPT FOR A FEW SOCIAL PHRASES IN ENGLISH, SPEAKS ENTIRELY THROUGH AN INTERPRETER) INCLUDED REFERENCES TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE SPIRIT, SUGGESTIONS THAT IN MY NEXT POSITION IN FSI I SHOULD TAKE CARE TO TRAIN FSO'S TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH PRC, ETC. HE ASKED POINTEDLY IF I WOULD BE GIVING AN OFFICIAL FAREWELL PARTY, EVIDENTLY INDICATING THAT HE HAD PERMISSION TO ATTEND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AT MY RESIDENCE. (IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF A, I HAD BEEN INVITING HIM, MOST RECENTLY TO JULY 5 INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION, BUT HE HAD CONSISTENTLY REGRETTE.)

5. PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL'S DINNER 6 SEPTEMBER WAS FAIRLY STEREOTYPED. ONLY CURIOSITY IS THAT NAMES OF DONORS ENGRAVED ON SILVER TRAY INCLUDED THAT OF NORTH KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL WITH WHOM I OF COURSE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WHATEVER, WHEREAS SOUTH KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL TOLD ME THAT HE HAD
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